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1220

Year **1220** (**MCCXX**) was a leap year starting on Wednesday (link will display the full calendar) of the Julian calendar. This is commonly known as a limbo year.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	12th century · **13th century** · 14th century
Decades:	1200s · 1210s · **1220s** · 1230s · 1240s
Years:	1217 · 1218 · 1219 · **1220** · 1221 · 1222 · 1223

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Events

- April 26 – *Confoederatio cum principibus ecclesiasticis*: German Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor, grants bishops sovereign rights.
- May – St. Francis of Assisi resigns from the leadership of the Franciscan Order.
- August 8 – Livonian Crusade - Battle of Lihula: Estonians defeat the invading Swedes.
- November 22 – Frederick II is crowned Holy Roman Emperor, by Pope Honorius III.
- The Mongols first invade the Khwarazmian Empire; Bukhara and Samarkand are taken.
- The Dominican Order is approved by Pope Honorius III.
- Conrad of Masovia drives out the heathen Prussians, from the Masovian territory of Chelmno Land.
- Trial by ordeal is abolished in England.
- The German Hohenstaufen dynasty, which had ruled Sicily since 1194, adopts Palermo as its principal seat.
- Dordrecht receives city rights, making it the oldest city in the present-day Holland area.
- Ljubljana receives its town rights.
- The Islamic lands of Central Asia are overrun by the armies of the Mongol invader Genghis Khan (ca. 1155–1227), who lays waste to many civilizations, and creates an empire that stretches from China to the Caspian Sea.
- The Thai Kingdom of Sukhothai is established.
- Saint Benedict of Nursia is canonized by the Roman Catholic Church.

1220 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1220 *MCCXX*
Ab urbe condita	1973
Armenian calendar	669 ԹՎ ՈԿԹ
Assyrian calendar	5970
Balinese saka calendar	1141–1142
Bengali calendar	627
Berber calendar	2170
English Regnal year	4 Hen. 3 – 5 Hen. 3
Buddhist calendar	1764
Burmese calendar	582
Byzantine calendar	6728–6729
Chinese calendar	己卯年 (Earth Rabbit) 3916 or 3856 — *to* — 庚辰年 (Metal Dragon) 3917 or 3857
Coptic calendar	936–937
Discordian	2386

- Gothic architecture becomes increasingly popular in Europe:
  - The rebuilding of the Cathedral of Chartres, which had been destroyed by a fire in 1194, is completed.
  - The rebuilding of Amiens Cathedral begins.[1]
  - Early part of Toulouse Cathedral completed.
  - The rebuilding of York Minster begins.
  - The building of the Salisbury Cathedral begins.[1]
- The rebuilding of the city of London begins, after one of major fires.

Births

- April 1 – Emperor Go-Saga of Japan (d. 1272)
- November 11 – Alphonse of Toulouse, son of Louis VIII of France (d. 1271)
- Alexander Nevsky, Grand Prince of Novgorod and Vladimir
- Joan, Countess of Toulouse, (d. 1271)
- Przemysł I of Poland (d. 1257)
- Thomas Ercildoun, Scottish minstrel (d. 1297)
- Walter de Burgh, 1st Earl of Ulster (d. 1271)
- Yaroslav of Russia, Grand Duke of Vladimir

Deaths

- February 17 – Theobald I, Duke of Lorraine
- April 15 – Adolf of Altena, Archbishop of Cologne
- May 8 – Richeza of Denmark, queen consort of Sweden (b. c. 1180)
- June 1 – Henry de Bohun, 1st Earl of Hereford (b. 1176)
- November 3 – Urraca of Castile, Queen of Portugal, spouse of King Afonso II of Portugal (b. 1186)
- Michael Choniates, Byzantine writer and ecclesiastic
- Farid od-Din Mohammad ebn Ebrahim 'Attar, Persian mystical poet
- Saxo Grammaticus, Danish historian (b. 1150)
- Mestwin I of Pomerania

calendar	
Ethiopian calendar	1212–1213
Hebrew calendar	4980–4981
Hindu calendars	
- *Vikram Samvat*	1276–1277
- *Shaka Samvat*	1141–1142
- *Kali Yuga*	4320–4321
Holocene calendar	11220
Igbo calendar	220–221
Iranian calendar	598–599
Islamic calendar	616–617
Japanese calendar	Jōkyū 2 (承久２年)
Javanese calendar	1128–1129
Julian calendar	1220 *MCCXX*
Korean calendar	3553
Minguo calendar	692 before ROC 民前692年
Nanakshahi calendar	−248
Thai solar calendar	1762–1763
Tibetan calendar	阴土兔年 (female Earth-Rabbit) 1346 or 965 or 193 *— to —* 阳金龙年 (male Iron-Dragon) 1347 or 966 or 194

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